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For:	POWER ELECTRONICS CIRCUIT FOR ELECTROMECHANICAL VALVE ACTUATOR OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE	

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated December 17, 2008, on the above-identified patent application, Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding the patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, applicant believes that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to anticipate or make obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

Responsive to the Examiner's Amendment, Applicant also submits the required substitute declaration, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a), which now identifies the city and state of residence of each inventor, as well as the citizenship of each inventor. Applicant has included a Supplemental Application Data Sheet with this submission, as well.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions or comments, or if applicant can be of any assistance in expediting issuance of the patent.

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, along with the Issue Fee Transmittal, via EFS-Web on February 17, 2009.

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